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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Takeo TANAAMI et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1744**

Serial Number: **10/716,417**

Examiner: **Nathan Andrew Bowers**

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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Interview Summary dated February 9, 2007, and constitutes the Applicants' Statement of the Substance of the Telephone Interview of February 5, 2007.

Statement of the Substance of the Interview  
Serial No. 10/716,417  
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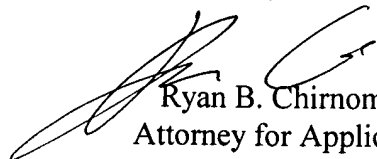
**REMARKS**

Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed whether it would have been obvious to combine the teachings of the references. The Examiner argued that it would have been obvious to add an additional chamber to Christian, such that the biopolymers moved sequentially like in the APA. However, Applicants' representative argued that it would not have been obvious to modify the system of Christian in such a way. Because the sample in Christian is inserted through opening 126, such a modification would require significant changes to the system, and not simply adding an additional chamber. Such changes may include changing the location of injection.

Applicants substantially agree to the comments in the Interview Summary, except that the date of the Interview is incorrectly listed as February 5, 2006.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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